

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003, Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art in view of US Patent 6,643,714 to Chrysanthakopoulos (referred to herein as the "'714 patent.")

Neither Chrysanthakopoulos nor Applicant's admitted prior art disclose, teach, nor otherwise suggest creating an individual configuration ROM image for each link device that provides link services where there are a plurality of link devices located on a single, physical module, nor presenting each individual configuration ROM image via transaction layer software. Independent claims 1, 5, 7 and 9 have been amended to more clearly articulate these features as limitations. While Examiner has stated that Chrysanthakopoulos is cited to show that it is known in the art to have an individual configuration ROM for each device, neither Chrysanthakopoulos nor the admitted prior art can be combined to teach the limitations of claims 1, 7 and 9 in their current form.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the 35 USC § 103 rejections have been traversed. Applicant respectfully requests that all the claims be allowed over the prior art. On the basis of the above remarks, early consideration of this application and early allowance are respectfully requested.

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